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SPAWAR Employees are Recognized for Superior Fleet Support

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SAN DIEGO— Two Space and Naval Warfare Systems Command (SPAWAR) employees are being honored by the San Diego Chapter of the National Defense Industrial Association (NDIA) with their prestigious Fleet Support Award, along with a \$2,500 cash prize, for their superior support to the readiness of the joint warfighter.

Tamra Codron, SPAWAR Headquarters, and Donna Williamson, SPAWAR Systems Center San Diego, will be presented with their awards at the annual SPAWAR / Industry Conference 2003 Awards Banquet on October 24 at the Bahia Hotel.

"These awards are local industry's way of saying 'Thanks and well done!' to the government professionals who have made unique contributions to the readiness of our Navy, Marine Corps and Coast Guard forces," said Dr. Kathy Sridhar, NDIA San Diego Chapter President.



*Ms. Tamra Codron
Space and Naval Warfare Systems
Command, Award for technical
performance*

"This year the selection process was particularly tough with the high-tempo of wartime operations that our local forces have seen," she said.

"While choosing these individuals, we had to select from more than 40 top performers who have had a direct impact on the Fleet," said the NDIA Awards Chair, retired Navy Captain Jane Renninger.

Ms. Codron was selected for the civilian Technical Award for developing and implementing a program that accelerated the installation and testing of new systems on PMW-151. Ms. Codron recognized the need for communication and feedback, so she established an Integrated Logistics Support (ILS) Integrated Product Team (IPT). Her weekly meetings with principal support activities focused on logistic support products development concurrent with system engineering.

"We here at PMW-151 are very proud of Ms. Codron's accomplishments, and her overall contribution to the Program Office cannot be overstated," said Mr. Mike Spencer, PMW-151 Program Manager.

"She has significantly improved the logistics infrastructure of PMW-151, which in turn has improved Fleet readiness and that of the supporting shore commands. She has made significant and long lasting improvements to the logistics support of C4I systems and is richly deserving of this award.

Ms. Williamson was selected for the civilian Leadership Award for her efforts as the Navy Task Force Web (TFW) Program Manager. TFW provides updated information systems in key command centers ashore and

aboard ships. Ms. Williamson manages a team of more than 20 personnel and is responsible for the hardware and software engineering, integration, training and maintenance associated with the Navy Enterprise Portal (NEP). This Portal is the Navy's first browser-based global entry point for web-enabled applications for users, regardless of their location.



*Ms. Donna Williamson
Space and Naval Warfare Systems
Center, San Diego Command
Award for civilian leadership*

"As a result of Donna's professionalism and hard work, NEP production versions were installed on 10 ships and in numerous shore facilities since the beginning of FY 03. Without Donna, the TFW NEP would not be the outstanding success that it has been and continues to be," said Mr. Guy Leonard, SSC-SD Code 241 Acting Head.

"The leadership and technical expertise exemplified by Ms. Williamson and Ms. Codron are the results of their hard work, dedication and commitment to our Nation's warfighting needs. Their support ensures the readiness of our Sailors and Marines anytime and anywhere. They are to be commended for the excellence they have achieved," said Mr. James Churchill, Director of Operations PEO C4I & Space.

The NDIA Awards Banquet is part of SPAWAR's Industry Conference October 22-24 at the Bahia Hotel. This year's conference theme is "Architecting and Implementing FORCEnet." Senior officials will focus on explaining FORCEnet, along with how the Navy and other services are planning to fund and compose joint transformational warfighting requirements. The keynote speaker is the Hon. John Stenbit, Assistant Secretary of Defense Networks and Information Integration / DoD Chief Information Officer.

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